

**Flood Protection Corridor Program  
Project Evaluation Criteria  
And Competitive Grant Application Form**

**I. Introduction**

This section of the DWR Application does not require any response; rather, it has been included for completeness and to preserve the Section numbering. It is noteworthy that the highlighted language (below), which reflects actions consistent with FPCP goals, could not have been written to be a better fit for the proposed Project (the Kelso Creek Flood Protection Corridor Program). This observation is demonstrated in the remainder of this Application.

Sections II through VI of this Application correspond to the similarly numbered sections in the DWR application. Section VII has been added to address other Application requirements set forth in Section 497.7 of the Regulations implementing the Flood Protection Corridor Program.

Grant funds under the Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP) of the Costa Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13) are available to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations from the Department of Water Resources. Funds will be used to pursue FPCP goals, which are to provide “for the protection, creation, and enhancement of flood protection corridors through all of the following actions:

“(1) Acquiring easements and other interests in real property from willing sellers to protect or enhance flood protection corridors and floodplains while preserving or enhancing the agricultural use of the real property.

“(2) Setting back existing flood control levees and, in conjunction with undertaking those setbacks, strengthening or modifying existing levees.

“(3) Acquiring interests in real property from willing sellers located in a floodplain that can not reasonably be made safe from future flooding.

“(4) Acquiring easements and other interests in real property from willing sellers to protect or enhance flood protection corridors while preserving or enhancing the wildlife value of the real property.”

-- *[Water Code, Chapter 5, Article 2.5, Section 79037(b)]*

The following information constitutes the basis for determining whether a proposed project meets the legal criteria for funding under the Flood Protection Corridor Program and for evaluating the proposal to determine its priority in competition with all concurrent proposals. Proposals qualified under Section III of these criteria will be placed on one of two priority lists. If the proposal serves a flood protection need that is a high priority with the Department of Water Resources (other than through this Program) and it also rates a high priority *either* with the Department of Conservation for purposes of preserving agricultural land under the California Farmland Conservancy Program, *or* with the Department of Fish and Game for purposes of wildlife habitat or restoration, it will be placed on the “A List”. All other qualified projects will be placed on the “B List”. “A List” projects will be funded first, and when all “A List” projects have been funded to the Department’s stated limit, “B List” projects will be funded.

